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GENE MAPPING OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought any help from the Union Government for setting up and conducting gene mapping of seeds to find out its genuineness in view of large scale complaints about fake Bt Cotton and other seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any monitoring cell to test genetically modified spurious seeds in the market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a),(b),(c) & (d) No Sir. The Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, has not received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up and conducting gene mapping of seeds to find out its genuineness in view of the large scale complaints about fake Bt cotton and other seeds. Further, the issue pertaining to commercialization or commercialized seeds is not within the purview of the Ministry of Science & Technology, Department of Biotechnology. The issue pertains to the State Agriculture Department in particular and the Ministry of Agriculture in general.